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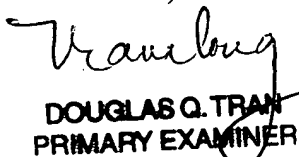
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Reply Brief Noted

1. The reply brief filed 2/27/06 has been entered and considered but no further response by the Examiner is deemed necessary. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.
2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 3/30/06 was received after the mailing date of the Examiner's Answer to Appeal Brief on 4/07/03 and after the mailing date of Reply Brief filed on 02/27/06. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.
3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Douglas Q. Tran.

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